

HELLO GIRLS QUIT PLACES IN PORTLAND

Leave Switchboard Because of Alleged Recent Rigid Rules of the Management.

Discharge of Two Operators Precipitates Long Impending Walkout.

GIRLS HAVE MANY COMPLAINTS

Return to Work for Two Days Pending Settlement of Difficulty—Service Stopped for an Hour.

Portland, Oct. 12.—The girls employed by the Pacific States Telephone Company to the number of about one hundred were on a strike today because, as they explained, two of their number were unjustly discharged. At a meeting of the girls tonight, at which Manager Thatcher was present, an agreement was reached that the girls shall remain at work during the next two days, pending settlement of the trouble. It is expected that an amicable arrangement can be made.

Aside from the discharge of two of the operators, the girls have other complaints, and they will insist that before they agree to return to work.

It is claimed by the operators that among other disagreeable features of the system which has recently been inaugurated, is a rule that each must sit at the switchboard eight hours a day but not speak to anyone. She must neither move nor leave her chair, it is said. An infraction of one of the new rules, it is stated, means one demerit. An employee of the company is constantly on duty to see that the rules are observed. There is one watcher for every eight girls, it is claimed.

Eight demerits or black marks for an infraction is said to mean dismissal from the service. A number of the old operators left the service immediately on the installation of the new system, and others threatened to quit. It is claimed by the older operators that it was the desire of the company to eliminate the older operators in order to supplant them with younger and less experienced ones who would readily submit to the new system.

A delegation from the operators is said to have been sent to Manager Thatcher's office this morning to urge their contentions. No settlement was reached. Shortly after noon the order was given that the strike was on.

The girls filed into the cloak rooms, put on their wraps and lingered a minute to see that their hats were on straight, and then walked out the rear entrance of the building. In front of this entrance is a small court; this was soon alive with girls. They were quiet and very orderly.

As soon as she saw the move on the part of the girl operators, Miss Cooper, the local service manager, rushed into the court where the girls had gathered. She at once urged them not to be rash, to listen to reason and to remember that the company wanted to do what was right.

After being out only a short time all the girls went to work again. The girls were led to do this with the understanding that they will be given a hearing tomorrow by Manager Thatcher.

Telephone service was practically at a standstill during the hour in which the girls remained out.

OLD WRECK FOUND.

Remains of Japanese Troopship Discovered Last August.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—The schooner Gotoma, which arrived here early this morning from Kurile Island, reports that on August 4, when 40 miles south-southwest of Cape Curat, she sighted a floating mass of wreckage. She made out parts of a mast. Captain Macomber later succeeded in getting closer to the wreckage and established the fact that it was from the Japanese troopship Kinshu Maru, which was sunk by the Russians last April.

when 300 perished. Entangled in the wreckage were a number of headless trunks. How those who perished were beheaded is a mystery which perhaps will never be solved.

HEROISM SAVES PROPERTY.

Trainmen Extinguish Fire in Car Loaded With Dynamite.

Connellsville, Pa., Oct. 12.—Only for the heroic action of Engineer Archie McFee and brakeman W. C. Kiefer of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in extinguishing a blaze in the end of a car loaded with 10,000 pounds of dynamite in the B. & O. yards here today, it is highly probable that the whole east end of the yards, including the shops, roundhouse and hundreds of cars would have been one mass of debris.

How the car took fire is a mystery. It had been in the yards but a short time when the end was discovered ablaze. Trainmen seeing the "large sign" "danger" on the door, fled in all directions. Engineer McFee and brakeman Kiefer uncoupled their engine and made a flying run to the burning car. With buckets of water from the engine tank the fire was put out, but not before it had eaten its way almost to the explosive. The act of the trainmen is declared to be one of the bravest and most nerve ever performed on the B. & O. Both men were complimented by the local officials of the road.

PORTLAND MAN SOLD COINS.

Received \$7000 For Collection of 51 Pieces—Had 1804 Dollar.

New York, Oct. 12.—Coins belonging to a collector from Portland, Or., have been sold at auction here for \$7000. There were sixty-one pieces in all, the prize of the collection being an American silver dollar coined in 1804. Collectors came from many points to bid on this rare piece and it fell into the possession of a Chicago man for \$1100.

When the same dollar was last sold it brought \$1500, the highest price on record for a single piece. There were only 13 of the kind coined, which accounts for their rarity. A dollar of 1835 coinage brought \$150, seven half cents brought \$130 and two half dollars brought \$150.

INSPECTORS TOO CARELESS.

New Ruling Will Insure More Care in Handling Baggage.

New York, Oct. 12.—An order of the treasury department has just gone into effect which will be a cause of joy to homeward bound trans-Atlantic passengers to declare every article in their baggage, including the amount formerly allowed by law.

Most of the complaints against the inspectors which led to the issuance of the order came from women who asserted that their gowns were badly used and sometimes subjected to three or four inspections by special agents on the piers.

BOATS BUILT FOR JAPS DESTROYED IN WRECK.

Were Built by Massachusetts Firm on Order of Agent of the Japanese Government.

Washington, Oct. 12.—A report reached Washington today that two knocked down torpedo-boats in 23 cars were partly wrecked near Towner, N. D., yesterday. The boats were built at the yards of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Mass., on orders of agents of the Japanese government. They were to have been shipped from Seattle to Japan.

CHATTANOOGA IN COMMISSION.

Protected Cruiser Will Be Under Command of Captain Sharp.

New York, Oct. 12.—The protected cruiser Chattanooga has been put in commission at the New York navy yard. It will be several weeks before she is ready for actual service. Alexander A. Sharp jr. will command the vessel.

WOULD ESTABLISH COLONY.

Israel Zangwill Sails for New York to Ask Aid of Wealthy Jews.

London, Oct. 12.—Israel Zangwill, critic and author, sailed today for New York. It is his purpose to seek to enlist the sympathy of wealthy New York Jews in establishing a Jewish colony in West Africa.

BELIEVED GENERAL ENGAGEMENT IN PROGRESS BETWEEN LIAO YANG AND MUKDEN

Tokio Reports From Japanese Right and Left Armies Declare That They Have Been Generally Successful.

Reported That Kuropatkin Is Aiming to Strike Simultaneously at Two Points Widely Separated on Japanese Left—Russians Admit Loss of 150 Killed and Wounded in Hard Fight North of Benishu.

Kuropatkin's advance has been met with a counter advance of forces under Oyama. According to advices received from Tokio, a general engagement is in progress between Liao Yang and Mukden, but reports from Russian sources describe the fighting there as merely in the nature of an advance guard action. Kuropatkin is reported to be aiming to strike simultaneously at two widely separated points on the Japanese left. There has been hard fighting a short distance north of Benishu, in which a Russian loss of 150 killed or wounded is admitted. The Japanese say they have cut off the Russian column south of the Tzaitze river. No official reports from the front had been received by the Russian war office last night and that fact is regarded in some quarters as indicating the non-success of Kuropatkin's forward movement. Military authorities, however, point out that owing to the magnitude of the movement planned, it is too early to expect news of decisive results.

STRUGGLE WAS UNDECISIVE.

Reports Received at Tokio From Both Japanese Armies.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—Reports dispatched last night from the scene of the battle which is raging along the extended front from the central point north of Yental westward across the railroad southeast of Benishu on the Tzaitze river, say that the struggle continued undecidedly throughout the day. The Japanese commanders avowed that their purpose was to continue the assault throughout the night and the following day. The Russians have a great force close to the Tzaitze river. Apparently Oyama's attack is timed to intercept a strong turning movement threatening Liao Yang itself.

A report from the right army says: "The enemy's artillery opened a severe attack at 10 o'clock Tuesday at Benishu. He is bombarding points between Ta Pass and Benishu. In the direction of Tumentzu Pass another artillery duel is progressing. Our detachment, which was sent to the left bank of the Tzaitze river, returned after driving the enemy back. The enemy is holding the line from Tumentzu Pass to Benishu and east of the roadway has been successful in driving in the infantry."

"The commander of the army was still keeping up the attack after dark." The left army reports:

"The advance effected by us today is comparatively favorable. We are continuing the attack against the line extending from Patchapo to Luitunkow. The right column took possession of Yang Cheung and is advancing toward Liushachiatzu. The left column is menacing the right flank of the enemy, holding Chapovitzu and Yuchiatlentzu. Should the commander be unable to accomplish his purpose before sundown he will continue the attack during the night and the following day."

INTEREST REVIVED IN LONDON.

British Critics Think Kuropatkin is Taking Tremendous Risk.

London, Oct. 12.—The battle raging south of Mukden has revived in full public interest in the war. Pictorial reports from both sides are discussed and analyzed in the belief that this may prove the greatest engagement of the present campaign and news so far received inclines military experts to the opinion that Kuropatkin is running a tremendous risk by a bold initiative. No confirmation of the report that Mitchenkov's force is cut off and the fact that Oyama does not mention him

is regarded as pointing to his escape. At the same time despatches do not yet point to success on the Russian side and the motive underlying Kuropatkin's decision to assume the offensive is as difficult to understand as before.

GENERAL ACTIVITY RESUMED.

Believed That Great Battle South of Hun River is Inevitable.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—General activity has been resumed in the theater of war. It is believed that a general engagement is progressing between Liao Yang and Mukden.

Oyama has met Kuropatkin's advance with a general advance of the main strength of his force along the whole broad front.

It is believed that a great battle south of the Hun river is inevitable. Besides the advance movement the Russians are attempting to strike the Japanese right at the two points widely separated. A force of Russians which was sent across the Tzaitze river apparently has been isolated by the Japanese cutting off its rear.

ADVANCE ON MUKDEN.

Field Marshal Oyama Ordered Forward Movement.

Field Headquarters of the Second Japanese Army, Oct. 10, 9 p. m., via Fusan, Corea, Oct. 12.—The advance on Mukden began this morning. Field Marshal Oyama, learning that the Russians were strengthening and reinforcing their left five miles north of Yental, ordered the advance. The entire line began the march, the infantry advancing two or three miles, the artillery following. The Russians, observing this movement, opened an artillery gun duel which continued all day. There was no decisive forward movement of the infantry tonight.

WELCOME RUSSIAN ATTACK.

Japs Think Their Chances Are Better Than Before.

Tokio, Oct. 12, 11 A. M.—Silence has been preserved at headquarters concerning the events around Liao Yang and Mukden. It is popularly reported that the Russian advance and attack is welcomed. Heretofore the Japanese have always been compelled to take the aggressive and openly assault the strongest works.

The people believe that now that the conditions are reversed, the troops will speedily check the Russians, instancing Lieutenant-General Coulter's unlucky venture at Motien Pass.

STUBBORN FIGHTING CONTINUES.

Hospital Trains Bearing Wounded Arriving From the South.

Mukden, Oct. 12.—Stubborn fighting is still in progress, this being the third day of the engagement. It is impossible at this time to say what has been accomplished. Hospital trains are continually arriving from the south, and the wounded are being sent farther north.

DESPONDENT IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Fears That Kuropatkin's Force is Not Strong Enough.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—No official news of the result of today's battle south of Mukden is available at this hour. Kuropatkin doubtless communicated his regular report to the emperor, but the dispatch was not sent to the general staff tonight. The absence of official news is pessimistically interpreted in many quarters. While it is now asserted that Kuro-

patkin enjoys a numerically superior force, fear is expressed that the superiority is insufficient to enable him to carry out the big operations he has undertaken.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE CATTLE.

Japs Forced to Desert Field Telegraph and Telephone Lines.

Mukden, Oct. 11.—(Delayed).—The aggressive movement of general Kuropatkin's army is causing the Japanese column on the northeast to withdraw, concentrating at the Yental coal mines.

Russian scouting parties came into contact with the Japanese Monday evening and captured 100 head of cattle. The retirement of the Japanese was so hurried that they abandoned their field telegraph and telephone lines.

The Russian soldiers are in the best of spirits and advance to battle singing.

The fighting on Monday commenced early in the morning. A bombardment of five hours' duration forced back the Japanese lines along the entire front and opened the way for an infantry attack.

About noon the Japanese began to retire. Their flanks and center were stubbornly defended, and the battle increased in intensity, concentrating about the Yental coal mines where fighting continued until darkness fell.

As a result of the day's events, the Russians drove in the Japanese left, while the right clung to its position, but maintained itself only with difficulty.

RUSSIANS HOLD RAILWAY.

Delayed Report Tells of Terrible Artillery Fire.

Mukden, Oct. 11, 8 a. m.—(Delayed).—The battle commenced this morning along the lines of the railroad with a terrific artillery fire on both sides. The railway line almost to Mukden and railway line almost to Yental is in possession of the Russians. The station itself has been damaged nearly beyond recognition.

The weather is beautiful, and the sound of cannonading is audible a distance of 40 miles.

It is impossible to tell how the day's fighting will develop.

RUSSIANS BUY SHIPS.

Secure Eight Vessels for Purpose of Running Blockade.

Shanghai, Oct. 1.—The British steamer Fu Ping, which was captured by the Japanese, today was purchased with seven other vessels by Russian agents here for the purpose of running the blockade with contraband of war for the fortress. Two of the vessels, the Sishan and Fu Ping, had been captured.

STANFORD AND MULTNOMAH TEAMS TIE THE GAME.

Stanford Played Ragged Ball and Lost Ball Twice at Critical Times by Penalties, Preventing Score.

Stanford University, Calif., Oct. 12.—(Special to The Astorian).—The football game between Stanford and the Multnomah Club of Portland resulted in a tie. Stanford played ragged ball. Stanford could have scored twice, but lost the ball at critical times by penalties for off side plays. Choate, of the visitors, sustained a sprained ankle.

SEVENTY HOUSES WRECKED.

Floods in New Mexico Make Many Families Homeless.

Denver, Oct. 12.—A News special from Albuquerque says: "Seventy dwellings in San Marcial, eighty miles south of Albuquerque, were wrecked by floods during the past week and there is great suffering and destitution there. The plight of the Mexican people is terrible and hundreds must starve unless immediate help is furnished. Not only crops and stores, but lands also, are ruined."

MOODY DEFENDS PRESIDENT.

Attorney-General Talks at Republican Meeting.

Westchester, Pa., Oct. 12.—A republican meeting tonight was addressed by United States Attorney-General Moody, who defended the acts of President Roosevelt, which democrats have declared unconstitutional.

FAIL TO AGREE ON DIVORCE

House of Deputies of Episcopal General Convention Wrestles With Question in Vain.

Leaders of High Church Party Strongly Favor Proposed Legislation.

DISCUSSION ON ALL DAY

Delegates Express Opinion That Present Convention Will Not Act on Question—Dr. Clappett Objects to Change

Boston, Oct. 12.—Marked division of sentiment regarding the proposal to prevent the marriage of an innocent party to a divorce during the life of a former partner developed at today's session of the house of deputies of the Episcopal general convention.

The house discussed the issue the whole day and many vehement expressions were made on both sides. Several delegates expressed the opinion that the present convention will not act on the question, but refer the problem to the next triennial conference.

The leaders of the high church party spoke strongly in favor of the proposed legislation. Dr. Clappett, of San Francisco, and other deputies are opposed to the change in the canon.

COMMISSION VISITS PRESIDENT.

Conditions on Isthmus of Panama Discussed.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Members of the Panama canal commission called on the president today. Mr. Baret, minister to Panama, also had a conference with the president. The commission said the visit was "purely a complimentary call" on the president and without special significance. It is known, however, that the members discussed with him conditions on the isthmus which have arisen since the acquisition of the American zone, and the differences between the commission and the government of Panama. What conclusions were reached as to the differences were not disclosed.

DISCUSS NAVAL ARCHITECTURE.

Sir William E. White Praises Battleships Being Constructed.

Washington, Oct. 12.—An informal conference was held at the white house today at which the president, Sir William E. White, ex-chief constructor of the British navy, Secretary Morton, Admiral Dewey, Rear-Admirals Converse, Capps, Evans, and Rodgers discussed naval architecture with special reference to the American navy. Sir William expressed the opinion that the battleships now being constructed in this country stood at the front of the best types of the modern battleship.

STALWARTS STICK TO IT.

Fight Against LaFollette Will Be Waged to Finish.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 12.—The national republican (stalwart) ticket, headed by ex-Governor Edward Scofield, will remain in the field. This was decided today after a meeting of stalwarts. Among those who took part in the conference were Senator Spooner, ex-Governor Scofield and ex-Governor Upham. Senator Spooner, it is said, was in favor of withdrawing the ticket in favor of the national and congressional tickets.

DEWEY OFFERS TO COMMAND.

Secretary Morton May Let Him Direct the Winter Maneuvers.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Admiral Dewey again offered to assume command of the combined fleet in the Caribbean sea and direct the winter maneuvers. If his services can be spared from the presidency of the general board, Secretary Morton certainly will accept the admiral's offer.